



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23TN032

Project Name: The “Ocean Nova 2023 – Arctic Cruises” project
Proponent Name: F.K Warren Ltd.
Project Type: Tourism Region: Qikiqtani (North or South Baffin) Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 150026
Comment Deadline: **September 5, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Ocean Nova 2023 – Arctic Cruises” project is located within the Qikiqtani (North and South Baffin) region, within the Northwest Passage, stopping in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit, and Qikiqtarjuaq. The Proponent intends to conduct tourism activities involving wildlife sightseeing, zodiac cruises and visits to communities. The program is proposed to take place September 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of up to 8 zodiacs to facilitate shore landings and sightseeing excursions;
- Storage and use of fuel for vessel and zodiac operations;
- Generation of combustible wastes, and non-combustible wastes with disposal/recycling at a certified reception port; and
- Generation of sewage and grey water with treatment on board, disposal as per Canadian legislation.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23TN032** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Keith Morrison, Manager – Impact Assessment toll-free at (867) 983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.